



## FROM THE TOP OF THE HILL

Frank, Eileen, Dave and I set up the club station at Sonoma Skypark airport for the monthly Young Eagles event. Band conditions were lousy but the good news was that a few young people came over and asked about the hobby. One Adele Harrison student made a QSO.

On Saturday, the 7th, Stan, Frank and I went to the Yuba City swap meet. It was about the same size as ours at hamfest. The good news is that we sold three radios from the Bob Davis estate for a little over \$1000.00.

The main item for discussion at this meeting will be planning for Field Day on the weekend of the 28th and 29th. We are debating going with category 4A since the REDEXA group is doing 3A. The extra station could be an all digital one using the R-7 vertical. This means that we will need more operators. The location will be the same as last year; the field at the end of hangar row at Sonoma Skypark. Remember you are welcome to operate no matter what class of license you have. The rules have changed so we can set up the day before. How about a 4:00pm start on Friday? You can find our Field Day location on the ARRL website. So bring your radios and **charged** batteries.

There has been some discussion about replacing the club's Astron power supply with a new, lighter switching type unit.

Looks like Bill, KJ6EIG, has the club net for July.

Hope to see you at the next meeting, as well as breakfasts, nets, etc.

—73, Jim, K6UUW

### NEXT MEETING

June 18, 2014, 7:30pm

City of Sonoma EOC

Topic: Planning for Field Day

## Minutes May 21, 2014

There were 11 members in attendance.

There were no corrections to the April minutes.

The VP thanked all those who helped out with Hamfest, especially Ed W1EJ, and Stan NJ6E.

The Treasurer's report showed a bank balance of \$1345.50.

Hamfest breakfast sales report:

- 75 regular breakfasts
- 5 pancake
- 9 coffee.

Radio Officer. We are still waiting for two tubes to get the donated HQ-170 working so we can give it to one of the high school students.

Another possibility is that Mike will loan general coverage receiver.

Ken has volunteered put SK Bob Davis' equipment on the 40m swap net.

The program was a 20-minute movie from the ARRL showing station W1AW.

—Submitted by Frank, KG6N, transcribed by Jim, K6UUW.



This is me trying to operate at the Dunkeld Cathedral. (I had antenna issues at this point in the trip.) Construction was started in 1260 and completed in 1501. It was partially destroyed during the numerous wars in the area. The chapel was rebuilt, but the main building is just walls.

—Submitted by Dave KD6FIL

## FCC Releases Warning Notices to Several Radio Amateurs

The FCC Enforcement Bureau has [made public](#) several warning notices issued over the past few months to radio amateurs. A couple of the letters from Special Counsel Laura Smith involved alleged infractions on 20 meters. On April 15, the FCC wrote Larry S. King, KI8NGS, of Owosso, Michigan, regarding failure to properly follow station identification rules on March 21. Smith told King that he was monitored by staffers at the FCC High Frequency Direction Finding Center (HFDFC) "operating your Amateur Radio on 14.313 MHz for 20 minutes without identifying in a timely manner." Smith said the HFDFC used direction-finding equipment to confirm that the transmissions were coming from his location. She said the Center recorded the transmissions.

On March 31, Smith sent a warning notice to Daniel G. Churovich, N9RSY, of Ripley, Tennessee.

"On Friday, March 28, 2014, you were heard by staff at the Commission's High Frequency Direction Finding (HFDF) Center communicating repeatedly on 14.313 MHz with an individual who you identify only as 'cowboy,'" Smith wrote. "This individual failed to provide his call sign during your conversation, a fact that you were aware of as you repeatedly demanded that he provide his name, call sign, and location. Despite being aware of the rule violation on the part of this other individual, you continued communicating with him for an extended period of time."

(from ARRL newsletter)

—Submitted by Jim K6UUW

## Ohio Antenna Law Challenge May Be Over

In a surprise move, the [Ohio Sixth District Court of Appeals](#) has dismissed an appeal from the Village of Swanton, Ohio, in an Amateur Radio antenna zoning case. The ARRL had [announced](#) plans to file a "friend of the court" or *amicus curiae* brief on behalf of ARRL Life Member Gary Wodtke, WW8N, who has been trying since 2009 to erect a 60 foot antenna support structure on his 0.2 acre residential lot. It now appears that he will be able to do so. The Village of Swanton, Ohio, has established a fixed antenna height of 20 feet above the residential roofline, and it turned down Wodtke's antenna variance application for the taller structure. On appeal, Wodtke in January won a final judgment in his favor in the Fulton County Common Pleas Court. The court ruled that federal and state law preempted Swanton's antenna ordinance.

(from ARRL newsletter)

—Submitted by Jim K6UUW

## REMEMBER WHEN

Early personal computers will remember *CP/M*, a competitor to the early *DOS* systems, developed by [Gary Kildall](#) and his company, Digital Research. Gary first popularized the terms BIOS (Basic Input-Output System) which is still in use today and BDOS (Basic Disk

Operating System). Your editor recalls using the *CP/M* program *PIP* to manipulate files, back in the day. Kildall is slated to receive an IEEE Milestone Award for his contributions.

(From ARRL contest newsletter)

—Submitted by Jim K6UUW

## **THE VOMARC WIRELESS VOLUME 18 EDITION 6**

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*Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after  
benefits of membership in VOMARC—S. Marler.*

**CLUB MEETINGS** are held on the third Wednesday of each month at McDougal Hall at the Sonoma Developmental Center, Eldridge or the City of Sonoma Police Department EOC 175 1<sup>st</sup> St West. Meetings start at 19:30 local (7:30 P.M.).

**WEB PAGE:** <http://www.vomarc.org/>

**Nets** are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

**ACS** holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

**PACKET STATION INFO:** The VOMARC packet station is off the air until further notice.

**CLUB BREAKFASTS** are held on the first Saturday of each month at Palms Grill (formerly Issa's) Restaurant, 18999 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma. The fun starts at 09:30 local.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:

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**2014 ACS  
Net Control Assignments**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Call</b>
JANUARY	MOE	KI6JNU
FEBRUARY	JIM	K6UUW
MARCH	SCOTT	KI6QIQ
APRIL		
MAY	GEORGE	K6ITE
JUNE		
JULY	CRAIG	KF6QZP
AUGUST		
SEPTEMBER	SAM	W5LTP
OCTOBER	DICK	KF6FZM
NOVEMBER	MIKE	WD6TMH
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

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	<b>Name</b>	<b>Call</b>
JANUARY	SCOTT	KJ6QIQ
FEBRUARY	JIM	K6UUW
MARCH	MOE	KI6JNU
APRIL	DAVE	KD6FIL
MAY	ED	WIEJ
JUNE		
JULY	BILL	KJ6EIG
AUGUST	KEN	N6KM
SEPTEMBER	FRANK	KG6N
OCTOBER	DICK	KF6FZM
NOVEMBER	MIKE	WB6TMH
DECEMBER	DARREL	WD6BOR

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**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE JUNE 18, 2014, 7:30 PM AT THE CITY OF SONOMA EOC, 175 1<sup>ST</sup>  
ST W, AT THE SONOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT.  
SEE YOU THERE.**

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**VOMARC MEMBERSHIP**

**VOMARC 2014**    Membership Dues:   \$15/year individual;       \$5/year family member at same address.

VOMARC encourages its members to join the ARRL. More information is available at [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org).

QST is available to blind and physically handicapped individuals on audio cassette from the Library of Congress, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Call 1-800-424-8567.

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**Membership Moment, From the Database Queen**

Dues may be mailed to VOMARC in care of the Sonoma Police Department, 175 1<sup>st</sup> St West, CA 95476, or brought to the next meeting.

Your check should be made payable to: **VOMARC.**